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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Canceled).

Claim 2. (Currently amended) The blower unit mounting structure as set forth in Claim 3 †,
further comprising:

a front bulkhead that includes a vertical wall surface with an opening.

Claim 3. (Previously presented) A blower unit mounting structure comprising:
an instrument panel including an upper panel and a lower panel that are vertically divided
along a transverse direction of a vehicle body;
a steering support beam fixed to the lower panel;
a blower unit fixed to the lower panel and to the steering support beam to form a unitized
component; and
a toe board having a recessed portion, wherein said blower unit comprises a leg portion
extended toward the toe board and engaged with the recessed portion.

Claim 4. (Currently amended) A blower unit mounting structure comprising:
an instrument panel including an upper panel and a lower panel that are vertically divided
along a transverse direction of a vehicle body;
a steering support beam fixed to the lower panel;
a blower unit fixed to the lower panel and to the steering support beam to form a unitized

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component,

a front bulkhead that includes a vertical wall surface with an opening; and

The blower unit mounting structure as set forth in Claim 2, further comprising:

a toe board having a recessed portion,

wherein said lower panel is upwardly open to provide access to said blower unit from

above, and

wherein said blower unit comprises a leg portion extended toward the toe board and engaged with the recessed portion.

Claims 5-9. (Canceled).

Claim 10. (Previously presented) A blower unit mounting structure comprising:

an instrument panel including an upper panel and a lower panel;

a steering support beam connected to said lower panel;

a blower unit connected to said steering support beam and said lower panel;

a toe board having a recessed portion; and

a leg portion extended toward the toe board and engaged with the recessed portion.

Claims 11-28. (Canceled).

Claim 29. (Currently amended) The structure of claim 3 +, wherein said lower panel is

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upwardly open to provide access from above to said blower unit to align a duct of said blower unit with an opening in a front bulkhead.

Claim 30. (Currently amended) The structure of claim 29 †, wherein said duct extends from an upper part of said blower unit.

Claim 31. (Currently amended) The structure of claim 3 †, wherein said blower unit comprises a duct for aligning with an opening in a vertical wall surface of a front bulkhead of said vehicle body.

Claim 32. (Canceled).

Claim 33. (Currently amended) The structure of claim 3 †, wherein said lower panel comprises a glove box fastened by an upper surface to said steering support beam.

Claim 34. (Currently amended) The structure of claim 33, wherein said blower unit comprises a blower main body that is disposed along a front side to of said glove box.

Claim 35. (Previously presented) The structure of claim 33, wherein said blower unit comprises a heater and ventilation unit disposed along a side of said glove box.

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Claim 36. (Currently amended) The structure of claim 10 7, wherein said lower panel is upwardly open to provide access from above to said blower unit to align a duct of said blower unit with an opening in a front bulkhead.

Claim 37. (Currently amended) The structure of claim 10 7, wherein said blower unit comprises a duct for aligning with an opening in a vertical wall surface of a front bulkhead of said vehicle body.

Claims 38-39. (Canceled).

Claim 40. (Currently amended) The structure of claim 10 7, wherein said lower panel comprises a glove box fastened by an upper surface to said steering support beam.

Claim 41. (Currently amended) The structure of claim 40, wherein said blower unit comprises a blower main body that is disposed along a front side to of said glove box.

Claim 42. (Previously presented) The structure of claim 40, wherein said blower unit comprises a heater and ventilation unit disposed along a side of said glove box.

Claim 43. (Canceled).